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Cattle Inventory Up 3 Percent

The total number of cattle and calves in Tennessee on January 1, 2006, was 2.24 million head, 3 percent above last year's total and the first increase in 3 years. This information is based on a recent cattle survey conducted by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Tennessee Field Office. Debra Kenerson, State Director, remarked, "Cattle prices remained strong during 2005 and consequently, producers held onto their breeding stock and calves, pushing inventory higher." Results of the survey showed the following breakout of inventory on January 1, 2006, with comparison to last year: **beef cows** totaled 1.11 million, up 3 percent; **milk cow** numbers were 70,000, down 3 percent; **calves under 500 pounds** were 550,000, up 6 percent; and **steers and other heifers** weighing 500 pounds and over, at 210,000 head, were up 11 percent. Tennessee's 2005 **calf crop** increased 4 percent from 2004 to 1.06 million head.

U.S. Cattle Inventory Up 2 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2006, totaled 97.1 million head, 2 percent above the 95.4 million on January 1, 2005. **All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 42.3 million, were up 1 percent from the 41.9 million on January 1, 2005. **Beef cows**, at 33.3 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2005, and **milk cows**, at 9.06 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2005.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2006, and the change from January 1, 2005, are as follows: **All heifers** 500 pounds and over, 20.0 million, up 2 percent; **Beef replacement heifers**, 5.90 million, up 4 percent; **Milk replacement heifers**, 4.28 million, up 4 percent; **Other heifers**, 9.80 million, up slightly; **Steers** weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.9 million, up 3 percent; **Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.26 million, up 2 percent; **Calves under 500 pounds**, 15.6 million, up 2 percent; **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.1 million, up 3 percent. The combined total of **calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds** outside of feedlots was 28.2 million, up 2 percent. The **2005 calf crop** was estimated at 37.8 million head, up 1 percent from 2004. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, up slightly from 2004.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, Tennessee and U.S., January 1, 2005-2006

Class	Tennessee			United States		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005 ¹	2006	2006/2005
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
All Cattle and Calves	2,170	2,240	103	95,438	97,102	102
All Cows that Have Calved	1,150	1,180	103	41,920	42,311	101
Beef	1,078	1,110	103	32,915	33,253	101
Milk	72	70	97	9,005	9,058	101
Heifers, 500 pounds and over	310	310	100	19,573	19,978	102
Beef Cow Replacement	195	185	95	5,691	5,905	104
Milk Cow Replacement	40	40	100	4,118	4,278	104
Other	75	85	113	9,763	9,795	100
Steers, 500 pounds and over	115	125	109	16,476	16,923	103
Bulls, 500 pounds and over	75	75	100	2,219	2,263	102
Calves, under 500 pounds	520	550	106	15,250	15,626	102
Calf Crop ²	1,020	1,060	104	37,505	37,780	101
Cattle on Feed	5	8	160	13,745	14,132	103

¹ Revised. ² Calves born during previous 12 months.

Tennessee Ranks Second in Meat Goats; Sheep Inventory Up 17 Percent

The total number of **meat goats** in Tennessee on January 1, 2006, was 103,000 head, while **milk goats** totaled 6,200 head. Tennessee ranks second in the nation in number of meat goats and sixteenth in milk goats. The total number of **sheep and lambs** in the State on January 1, 2006, was 27,000, 17 percent above last year's total of 23,000 head. Breeding inventory, at 22,000 head, was up 2,000 head for last year, while market inventory increased 3,000 to 5,000 head for 2006. Tennessee's 2005 lamb crop also increased 1,000 head from 2004 to 16,000 head.

U.S. Sheep and Lamb Inventory Up 2 Percent; U.S. Goat and Kid Inventory Up 4 Percent

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2006, totaled 6.23 million head, up 2 percent from both 2005 and 2004. The inventory began increasing in 2005 and has shown two consecutive year to year increases for the first time since 1987 and 1988. The 2005 **lamb crop** of 4.13 million head, was up 1 percent from 2004. **All goat** inventory in the United States on January 1, 2006, totaled 2.83 million head, up 4 percent from 2005. **Breeding goat** inventory totaled 2.35 million head, up 4 percent from 2005. **Market goats and kids** totaled 471,800 head, up 4 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2006, **meat and all other goats** totaled 2.26 million head, up 5 percent from 2005. **Milk goat** inventory increased 1 percent to 288,000 head, while **angora goats** were down 1 percent totaling 278,000 head. The 2005 **kid crop** totaled 1.84 million head for all goats, up 4 percent from 2004.

Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, Tennessee and U.S., January 1, 2005 -2006

Class	Tennessee			United States ¹		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
All Sheep and Lambs	23.0	27.0	117	6,135	6,230	102
Total Breeding	20.0	22.0	110	4,533	4,639	102
Ewes, One Yr. & Older	14.0	15.0	107	3,573	3,657	102
Rams, One Yr. & Older	1.5	2.0	133	190	196	103
Replacement Lambs	4.5	5.0	111	771	786	102
Total Market	3.0	5.0	167	1,602	1,591	99
Market Lambs	2.8	4.8	171	1,528	1,515	99
Market Sheep	0.2	0.2	100	74	76	103
Lamb Crop ²	15.0	16.0	107	4,096	4,125	101
Sheep Shorn	16.0	17.0	106	5,073	5,072	100

¹ May not add due to rounding. ² Lambs and kids born during previous 12 months.

U.S. Slaughter: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.95 billion pounds in December, up 1 percent from the 3.93 billion pounds produced in December 2004. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.67 million head, down 1 percent from December 2004. The average live weight was up 13 pounds from the previous year, at 1,281 pounds. Calf slaughter totaled 60,100 head, down 19 percent from December 2004. The average live weight was 36 pounds above last year, at 370 pounds. Hog kill totaled 9.23 million head, slightly below December 2004. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 272 pounds. Sheep slaughter totaled 231,000 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 3 pounds from December a year ago.

Livestock Slaughter¹: Tennessee & United States, December 2004 and 2005

Species	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Tennessee						
Cattle	1.4	1.4	1,294	1,301	921	901
Calves	0.1	0.1	49	40	457	464
Hogs	65.5	66.9	31,883	32,292	487	483
Sheep & lambs	0.7	0.9	53	70	77	79
United States						
Cattle	2,690	2,666	3,410,332	3,413,978	1,268	1,281
Calves	75	60	24,883	22,249	334	370
Hogs	9,250	9,233	2,496,228	2,510,190	270	272
Sheep & lambs	242	231	33,816	32,931	140	143

¹ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter (excludes farm slaughter).

Commercial Apples: Production, Price, and Value, Tennessee, 2000-2005¹

Crop Year	Total Production ²	Utilized Production ³	Price per Pound ⁴	Value of Production ⁵
	Million Pounds		Cents	1,000 Dollars
2000	10.5	9.5	25.0	2,376
2001	10.5	8.0	24.0	1,923
2002	7.2	6.1	26.5	1,619
2003	12.0	11.5	25.2	2,903
2004	11.0	10.5	26.3	2,765
2005	8.5	7.5	26.8	2,012

¹"Commercial" refers to the total production in orchards of 100 or more bearing age trees. ²Total production is the quantity actually harvested plus quantities which were not harvested because of economic or natural reasons. ³Utilized production is the amount sold plus the quantities used at home or held in storage. ⁴Average for all methods of sale. ⁵Value of production is price times utilized production.

Commercial Peaches: Production, Price, and Value, Tennessee, 2000-2005¹

Crop Year	Total Production ²	Utilized Production ³	Price per Ton ⁴	Value of Production ⁵
	Tons		Dollars	1,000 Dollars
2000	1,250	1,150	1,090	1,254
2001	1,850	1,750	968	1,694
2002	2,000	1,850	940	1,739
2003	1,750	1,600	1,030	1,645
2004	1,950	1,800	1,070	1,926
2005	2,000	1,800	1,280	2,304

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Fresh Market Vegetables: Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value, Tennessee 2000-2005

Crop & Year	Acreage		Yield Per Acre	Production	Price per Cwt.	Value of Production
	Planted	Harvested				
	Acres		Cwt.	1,000 Cwt.	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Tomatoes						
2000	4,200	3,900	290	1,131	31.00	35,061
2001	3,600	3,000	165	495	20.00	9,900
2002	4,600	4,300	340	1,462	33.00	48,246
2003	4,900	4,600	350	1,610	37.00	59,570
2004 ¹	6,400	5,900	200	1,180	34.00	40,120
2005	5,600	5,200	240	1,248	34.00	42,432
Snapbeans						
2000	10,500	9,200	36	331	26.00	8,606
2001	8,400	7,200	41	295	30.00	8,850
2002	9,500	8,900	31	276	35.00	9,660
2003	10,500	9,500	43	409	29.00	11,861
2004	10,000	7,600	48	365	33.00	12,045
2005	11,000	10,500	63	662	36.00	23,832
Squash²						
2000	1,300	1,200	87	104	29.20	3,033
2001	1,000	900	57	51	20.70	1,058
2002	1,400	1,200	96	115	21.80	2,508
2003	1,200	1,100	72	79	17.60	1,392
2004	1,200	1,000	95	95	22.30	2,116
2005	1,200	1,000	83	83	18.30	1,516

¹Revised. ²Includes processing.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Selected States
and United States, During December 2004 and 2005**

Selected States	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 or more		All Layers ¹		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Thousands				Number	
Alabama	1,850	1,685	9,255	9,013	1,945	1,908
Arkansas	4,794	4,280	15,291	14,559	1,962	1,985
Georgia	10,991	9,974	20,123	19,156	2,172	2,130
North Carolina	3,370	3,333	10,934	10,959	1,994	2,017
All Other States ²	260,511	265,150	290,357	294,613	2,271	2,275
United States	281,516	284,422	345,960	348,300	2,234	2,237

¹ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size. ² Tennessee is included in all other states total.

Prices Received by Farmers: Tennessee & U.S., January 2006 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Tennessee			United States		
		January 2005	December ¹ 2005	January ² 2006	January 2005	December ¹ 2005	January ² 2006

Dollars Per Unit

Field Crops

Corn	bu.	2.16	2.22	2.15	2.12	1.92	1.96
Cotton Lint	lb.	.370	.486	.487 ³	.385	.479	.496 ³
Sorghum	cwt.	⁴	3.67	n/a	2.95	2.91	3.15
Soybeans	bu.	5.66	6.03	5.65	5.57	5.77	5.51
Winter Wheat	bu.	⁴	3.24	n/a	3.28	3.46	3.38

Livestock

All beef cattle	cwt.	77.40	79.80	80.60	89.40	93.60	94.40
Steers/heifers	cwt.	97.00	105.00	105.00	94.40	99.90	101.00
Cows	cwt.	48.00	42.00	44.00	50.50	47.20	46.50
Calves	cwt.	115.00	117.00	122.00	125.00	134.00	137.00

¹ Entire month. ² Mid-month. ³ Based on purchases first half of month. ⁴ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. n/a = not available.